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# Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Revision Supplement ALTERNATIVE B

## Theme

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## Legend

### Direction Common to All Land Use Designations

All land use designations provide for the continuation of resource uses that contribute to the local and regional economies of Southeast Alaska, such as timber harvesting, commercial fishing, mining, recreation, and tourism. Non-market values such as wildlife habitat, visual quality, scientific and historic resources, and wild, scenic and recreation rivers will be emphasized in selected areas. Opportunities for local residents to pursue traditional life-styles, including subsistence use and recreation, will also be emphasized.

With the exception of Wild Rivers and Research Natural Areas, all land use designations are open to mineral exploration and development unless previously withdrawn.

Wilderness National Monuments		Acres
WW - Wilderness	Manage the preservation of areas essentially unaffected by human use to provide outstanding opportunities for solitude, primitive recreation, and scientific and educational uses. Roads are not permitted and use of mechanized transport and motorized equipment is limited.	2,672,603 <sup>1</sup>
WM - Wilderness National Monuments	Manage the Wilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Misty Fjords National Monuments that provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation and to protect objects of scientific, cultural, geological, historical, prehistoric, and scientific interest. Roads are not permitted and use of mechanized transport and motorized equipment is limited.	3,098,048 <sup>1</sup>
NM - Nonwilderness National Monuments	Manage the nonwilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Misty Fjords National Monuments to facilitate development of significant mineral resources, and to assure that mining activities are compatible, to the maximum extent feasible, with the purposes for which the Monuments were established.	159,372 <sup>1</sup>
Natural Setting		Acres
RA - Research Natural Area	Manage areas for research and education and/or to maintain natural diversity on National Forest System lands. Current natural conditions are maintained as closely as possible. No timber harvest is scheduled.	53,356 <sup>1</sup>
SA - Special Interest Area	Provide for the protection and interpretation of selected areas with unique archeological, historical, nonnatural, scenic, geological, botanical, zoological, or paleontological features. No timber harvest is scheduled. Roads will not be permitted unless compatible with management objectives.	121,666 <sup>1</sup>
OA - Other Area	Emphasize stewardship and protection of lands for which there is no other specific land use emphasis. Timber harvest generally does not occur and roads are normally present only when necessary to access adjacent BLM or non-BLM designations.	33,035
PR - Primitive Recreation	Provide for recreation opportunities and experiences outside Wilderness in unmodified natural environments where interaction with other visitors is infrequent, and the opportunity for independence and solitude is enhanced. Timber harvesting is limited to those areas where it is not necessary to access adjacent BLM or non-BLM designations. Roads are not permitted.	3,975,046 <sup>1</sup>
MW - Enacted Municipal Watersheds	Manage enacted municipal watersheds to meet State Water Quality Standards for domestic use. No timber harvesting will be scheduled, but infested and diseased timber may be removed under certain conditions which safeguard the quantity and quality of water. Roads are limited to those needed to administer the municipal watersheds.	9,773
OG - Old Growth Habitat	Maintain old growth habitat in its natural condition to favor old growth associated fish and wildlife resources. No timber harvesting will be scheduled and roads will be located outside the area when possible.	712,159
SP - Semi-primitive Recreation	Provide motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities in natural and natural appearing environments where interaction with others is low and the opportunity for independence and self-reliance is fostered as a top priority. When present, roads are low and used primarily to expand and improve access to recreation opportunities or to permit access to other parts of the Forest and other ownerships. Timber harvest is limited to all types of catastrophic events or beach log recovery.	1,555,084
LUD - Land Use Designation II	Manage these Congressionally designated areas in a roadless state to retain the wildland character. Wildlife and fish habitat improvement and primitive recreational facility development is permitted. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads will not be built except to some mining and other authorized activities and vital Forest transportation system linkages.	727,765 <sup>1</sup>
WSR - Wild, Scenic, or Recreation Rivers	Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as Wild, Scenic, or Recreation River. No differentiation has been made on this map between Wild, Scenic, or Recreation Rivers. See descriptions of these designations below.	337,777 <sup>1</sup>
Moderate Development		Acres
EF - Experimental Forests	Manage to provide a variety of long-term opportunities for Forest research and demonstration areas. Timber harvesting will occur only for these purposes. Roads may be developed to facilitate ongoing research.	11,872
SV - Scenic Viewshed	Management activities are not visually apparent to the casual observer in the near distance from riparian lands or marine travel routes, recreation sites, or popular bays and anchorages. In the middle to background distance, activities are subordinate to the landscape character of the area. Timber harvest is allowed.	916,472 374,654 <sup>1</sup>
ML - Modified Landscape	Manage for a variety of uses. Management activities are subordinate to the visual character as seen in the foreground. In the middle to background, activities may dominate but are designed to be compatible with historic land in the characteristic landscape. Timber harvest is allowed.	1,180,098 308,551 <sup>1</sup>
Intensive Development		Acres
TM - Timber Production	Manage the area to maintain and promote industrial wood production. These lands will be managed to advance conditions favorable for the timber resource and for maximum long-term timber production. Roads are permitted.	831,069 327,048 <sup>1</sup>
MM - Minerals	Encourage the exploration and development of mineral resources in areas having high potential for mineral resources. Activities are subordinate to the land use designations indicated.	0
Not Identified Due to Scale		Acres
BF - Beach Fringe and Estuary	Manage for natural beach fringe and estuary habitats, including wildlife and old-growth center stands, cliffs, and beaches above the mean high tide line. Timber harvesting is limited to catastrophic events and unmanaged management if it encourages development of old-growth habitat characteristics. Roads associated with log transfer facilities or recreation may be located within the area.	288,354
SL - Stream and Lake Protection	Maintain or enhance fish and other riparian-associated resources. Timber harvesting is allowed where not in conflict with maintaining or enhancing riparian-associated resources. Roads will be located outside the area to the extent practicable.	322,703 <sup>1</sup> 71,747 <sup>1</sup>
WR - Wild Rivers	Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as a Wild River. Shorelines are primitive and undeveloped. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads are generally not present. Access is by trail, airplane or boat.	1,082 miles
SR - Scenic Rivers	Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as a Scenic River. Shorelines are largely undeveloped but may be accessible to places by roads. Timber harvesting is limited by the ability of the landscape to visually absorb the activity. Roads will be designed to be compatible with the landscape.	146 miles
RR - Recreation Rivers	Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as a Recreation River. Shoreline development may occur and the river may be readily accessible by road. Timber harvesting is allowed with priority to maintain existing recreation sites and protect proposed sites. Roads are permitted.	154 miles
TUS - Transportation and Utility Systems	Emphasize existing and potential major public transportation and utility systems. Until transportation or utility systems are constructed, the area will be managed according to the land use designation indicated.	—
Other		Acres
Subsistence and Available Timber	The portion of Forested land in Scenic Viewshed, Modified Landscape, and Timber Production being considered for timber harvesting in this alternative.	—
Non-National Forest	—	—

NOTE: For a detailed description of the management prescription for each land use designation, see the Proposed Revised Forest Plan.

Where multiple land use designations are assigned to the same area of land, the most restrictive standards and guidelines within the land use designations take precedence, subject to requirements of law.

<sup>1</sup> Within Wilderness National Monuments there are 161,202 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; 48,180 acres of Research Natural Areas; and, 15,323 acres of Special Interest Areas.

<sup>2</sup> Within Nonwilderness National Monuments there are 11,709 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers.

<sup>3</sup> An additional 2,200 acres of Research Natural Area are found in Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; 3,577 acres in Land Use Designation II; 46,180 acres in Wilderness National Monuments; and, 35,076 acres in Wilderness.

<sup>4</sup> An additional 1,767 acres of Special Interest Area are found in Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; and, 14,559 acres in Wilderness National Monuments.

<sup>5</sup> Within Land Use Designation II there are 48,729 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; and, 3,577 acres of Research Natural Area.

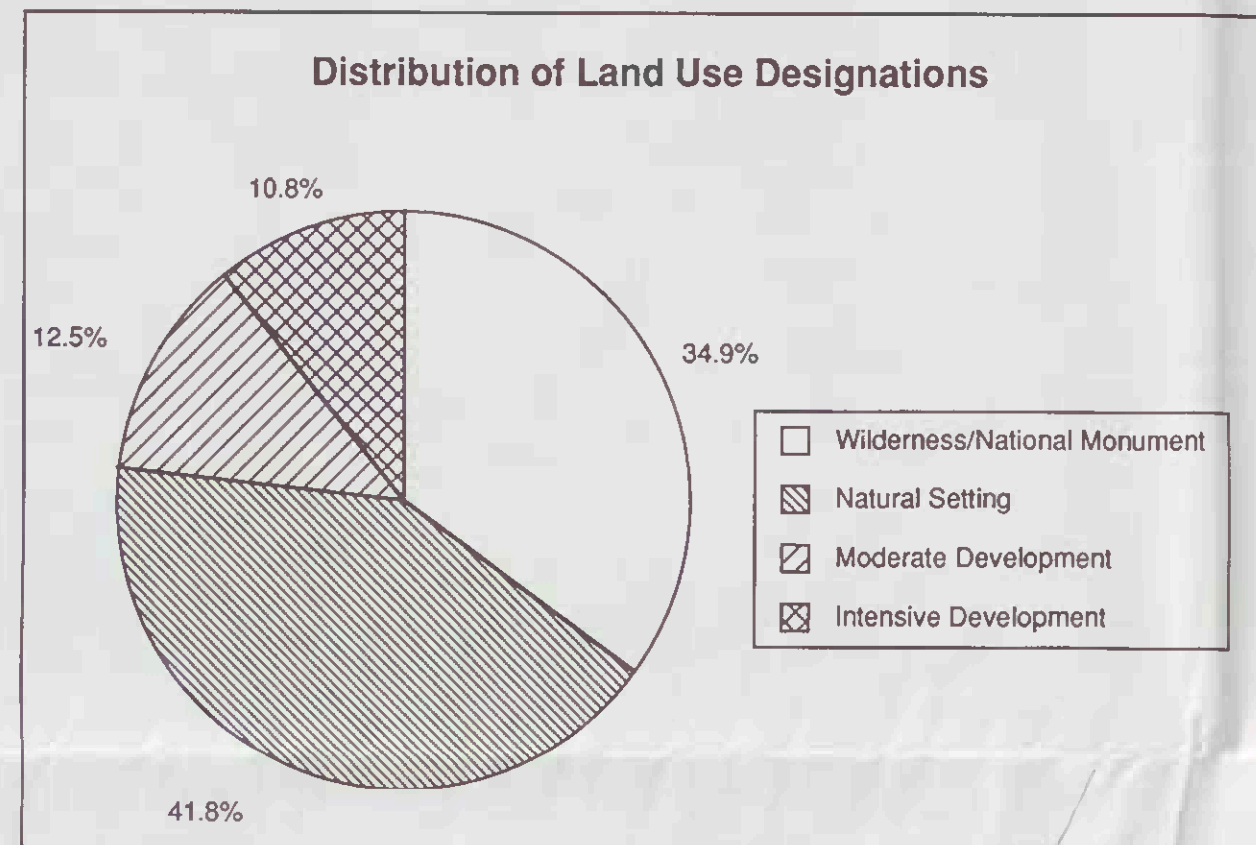
<sup>6</sup> An additional 48,729 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers are found in Land Use Designation II; 11,709 acres in Nonwilderness National Monuments; 151,002 acres in Wilderness National Monuments; and, 142,778 acres in Wilderness.

<sup>7</sup> An additional 28,420 acres of Stream and Lake Protection are found in Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers.

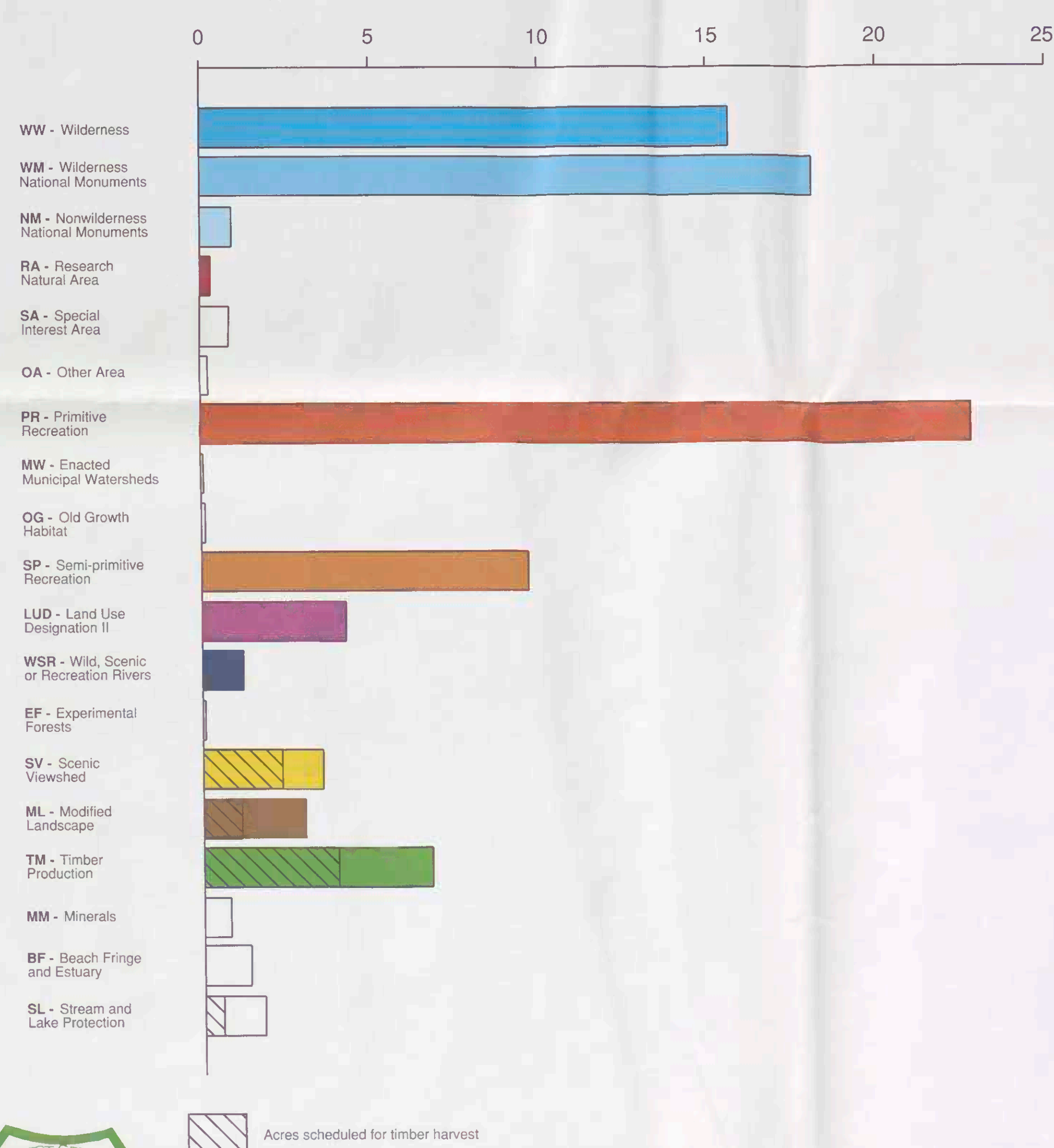
<sup>8</sup> See Long-Term Site-Specific Contract Boundaries, Timber Sale Schedule, and Transportation and Utility System map for specific location.

<sup>9</sup> Acres of timber scheduled for harvest.

## VICINITY MAP



Percent of Total Forest in Each Land Use Designation



SCALE 1:500000